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Rep. Doyle's Statement on UW System Budget Cuts

MADISON – State Representative Steve Doyle (D-Onalaska) released the following statement after it was announced the Joint Finance Committee would be enacting a \$250 million cut to the University of Wisconsin System:

“As a graduate of UW La Crosse and the University of Wisconsin Law School, I am frustrated to see that these severe cuts were approved by Joint Finance,” said Doyle. The measure is expected to be voted on by the budget committee late Friday evening.

“Wisconsin’s proud tradition of higher education has been one of our best features for decades,” said Doyle who taught at UW –L for twenty-two years. “People come from all over the world to attend our world class institutions and to take advantage of the thriving academic climate we have built. As the father of two UW students including one recent graduate, I know first-hand the incredible role that this system plays in strengthening our economy and helping push our workforce further into the 21st century.”

“As a former instructor of classes in state government, I taught my students that budgets are about priorities,” said Doyle. “It is unfortunate that the members of the Joint Finance Committee do not agree with so many others in the state who believe that the UW System is one of our greatest assets.”

“In the coming weeks, I will be working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to restore this funding to the UW System,” added Doyle. The Assembly is expected to take up the budget bill next month.

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